

6 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with [LITAKIL-9] 1 Nov 1963

1. A meeting was held with L-9 in B's car from 2200 hours to 2345 hours, 1 Nov. The car was parked in the Tlaxpana area.

2. (L-9) reported as follows:

a. Manuel VEGA left on PCS orders for Havana on the 1 Nov Cuban flight. Cely POLARZANO bid him goodbye at the airport along with members of the Embassy staff. It is not clear who is or will be replacing VEGA.

b. FERNANDEZ has worked very late the night of Friday 1 Nov. (L-9) still thinks he may be doing comco work.

c. (L-9) is going to move into the row of offices where (L-9) is now located and is being "caged in" -- is installing door, blinds, etc., as did ROA recently.

d. AZCUE will be around for a short while before returning to Cuba -- he is planning to take a trip to Campeche with someone named LIZALDE to study building materials in preparation for AZCUE's assignment to JUCEPLAN as an architect when he returns. (L-9) went on at some length about AZCUE -- said he was certain that AZCUE is not a Communist, not a CP member (note that AMONOB-1 has AZCUE admitting he has been a Communist for many years - 1) (L-9) repeated that AZCUE is an implacable foe of "the Pentagon, and the ruling circles in the US" but has a high regard for the American people. AZCUE's wife is still very upset at the prospect of going to live in Cuba. (L-9) thinks AZCUE is a loyal fidelista who would never knowingly cooperate with the Americans. At lunch with (L-9) on 1 Nov AZCUE lashed out against the Cuban CP -- said that Lazaro PENA should be shot -- he has served his usefulness -- after the shooting a monument could be raised to him, but Cuba would be much better off with him out of the way.

e. MIRABAI, AZCUE's replacement, is not popular and nowhere near as effective as AZCUE. Sylvia DURAN doesn't like him but will probably go on working as his secretary for the time being.

f. (L-9) saw AZCUE kidding with Sylvia recently in the office -- chiding her for being a Communist. Sylvia replied, "It's not true. I am not a Stalinist and I have never been interested in Party membership. I don't accept the Party line and by talking this way you are insulting me!" (L-9) thinks Sylvia is a very intelligent girl. He thinks we might be able to gain her cooperation by getting a desirable male next to her -- she is, according to (L-9), a little putita.

g. AZCUE told (L-9): "If they don't give me a good job in Cuba, I'm not

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